from 8-16th July 2006, Hampi has been removed from the list of World Heritage in danger.

Encroachment of historical monuments in Andhra Pradesh

749. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various historical monuments under Central protection in various districts of Andhra Pradesh which are under encroachment; and

(b) the details of the measures taken by the Archaeological Survey of India to remove the encroachment in these monuments and the achievements made after such measures, monument-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The details of centrally protected monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh which are under encroachment and the measures taken to remove the encroachments (monument-wise) are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

Statement

List of Centrally protected monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh which are under encroachment alongwith measures taken to remove the encroachments and achievements thereto

Sl. No.	Name of Monument, Place and District	Nature of Encroachment	Present position of the case & Action taken for eviction
1	2	3	4
1.	Ramesvara Swami Temple, Tadipatri, Distt. Ananthapur	Archakas are residing in front of the entrance of the temple within the protected limits.	The matter has been referred to the Endowment Department of Government of Andhra Pradesh for removal/eviction of dwellers from the temple premises.
2.	Old Siva (Mallikharajuna) temple at Kambaduru, Distt. Ananthapur	The landowner has filed Original Suit stating that the ASI has encroached his land. (O.S. No. 140/99)	The case is pending in the judicature of Jr. Civil Judge, Kalyanadurg. Court order is awaited.

1	2	3	4
3.	Golkonda Fort, Distt. Hyderabad	Constructions have come up within the protected area.	Actions under AMASR Act 1958 and Rules 1959 have been initiated against the encroachers. The matter has also been taken up with the District authorities for similar action. The Chief Secretary of the State has also been requested to remove the illegal construction.
4.	Sri Kodandarama Swami temple, Vontimitta, Distt. Kadapa	Encroachments have been noticed during survey.	Action has been initiated under AMASR Act, 1958 and Rules 1959 for removal of encroachments. The District authorities have been approached for eviction.
5.	Nandavaram temple including the sculpture of Subrahamanya, Nandavaram, Distt. Kurnool	Encroachments within the protected limits of the monument.	The matter is pending in the Court and is subjudice.
6.	Dharnikota Fort, Dharanikota, Distt. Guntur	The site has been encroached in parts by the locals.	The matter is with the District Collector, Guntur, who has already issued instructions to the Revenue Development Officer/Mandal Revenue Officer to remove the encroachments.
7.	Rock-cut cave temples on the hill, Mogalrajapuram, Distt. Krishna	Modern constructions have taken place at Cave No. 2.	Actions has been initiated under the provisions of AMASR Act, 1958 and Rules 1959 The District Collector, Krishna Distt. has been approached for issuing of instructions to remove the encroachments.
8.	Durga Bhairava Konda having ancient monument called Durga, Neelavati, Distt. Vizianagaram	0.75 acres of land is encroached upon by Late Sri B. Yerraiah and his legal heirs and got stay order from A.P. High Court in response to the Writ Petition No. 13603 of 1997.	Matter is pending in the court and is subjudice.

1	2	3	4
9.	Buddhist Remains at Salihundam, Distt. Srikakulam	Construction of S.C. Girls hostel building within the protected area by State Government in 1997.	The construction has been stopped and the District Collector has been approached for demolition of the structure.
10.	Mukhalingeswara group of temples, Srimukhalingam, Distt. Srikakulam	Modern constructions around the Mukhalingeswara temple.	The District Collector has agreed to provide alternate accommodation to the encroachers. All the encroachers were shifted to the new place.

Protection and preservation of historical and religious places

750. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of newspaper reports of sale of historical fort Underi in District Raiged, Maharashtra built by Shivaji Maharaj to a private builder.

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto and what steps the Archaeology Department propose to protect and preserve all the historical and religious places in the country so that, these places are not sold to any private party; and

(c) Whether the Central Government propose to ask the State Government of Maharashtra, to take strict action against all the concerned revenue officers responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Underi Fort is not protected either by the Central Government or State Government of Maharashtra. The land at Survey No. 302, area 1-21-0 of Underi Fort belonging to a group of six individuals was sold to one Shri Ramesh Hiralal Kundalmal, a promoter of Dolphin Stone Crest Estate Pvt. Ltd. for an amount of Rs. 2 crores and a sale agreement was entered into on 26th January, 2006. This was registered *vide* No. 1451/2006 on 16.5.2006. The State Government under Section 155 of the Maharashtra State Revenue Act has initiated action against the sale and the land is now recorded in the name of State Government. Two officials of the Revenue Department of Government of Maharashtra have been suspended for their involvement in the registration, and action has been